



# REPRESENTATIVE RAY LOPEZ

## TEXAS HOUSE DISTRICT 125



Dear Residents of House District 125,

It has been a month since I was sworn in as your State Representative for House District 125 and it has been an immense honor to represent you at your State Capitol. In this short time, my team and I have already met with numerous constituents, supporters, and advocacy groups to discuss issues affecting you. I have been active in my committee meetings, working with my colleagues to push forward quality legislation. Team Lopez has been working diligently to support bills that will benefit our community. I am proud to share that in addition to my strong support of the comprehensive school finance reform - coauthoring House Bill 3 - that I have signed onto 44 pieces of legislation and will continue to do more.

When not in Austin, my team and I will continue to be active back home in the district. On March 30th, Team Lopez participated in the 23rd Annual Cesar E. Chavez March for Justice in Downtown San Antonio. It was inspiring marching alongside hundreds of activists, sharing a sense of community as we walked together down Guadalupe Street. In the beginning of April, Team Lopez was happy to attend the ATU fundraiser BBQ and Mayor Ron Nirenberg's public lunch address. This newsletter is the first of many, which we will be sending out monthly that will provide you with information about policy, legislation, as well as exciting news from Austin and House District 125. I wish you all the best, and thank you for your many years of continued support as I've served the constituents of San Antonio and now, the people of Texas as a whole.

Sincerely,

Ray Lopez  
State Representative, District 125



On Thursday, March 21st, my work officially began as I was sworn in by Speaker Bonnen alongside my wife, children, and grandchildren. I join the 86th Texas Legislature as its 150th member after having spent four consecutive terms on the San Antonio City Council, representing the constituents of Council District 6 and serving for over a decade on the Northside ISD Board.

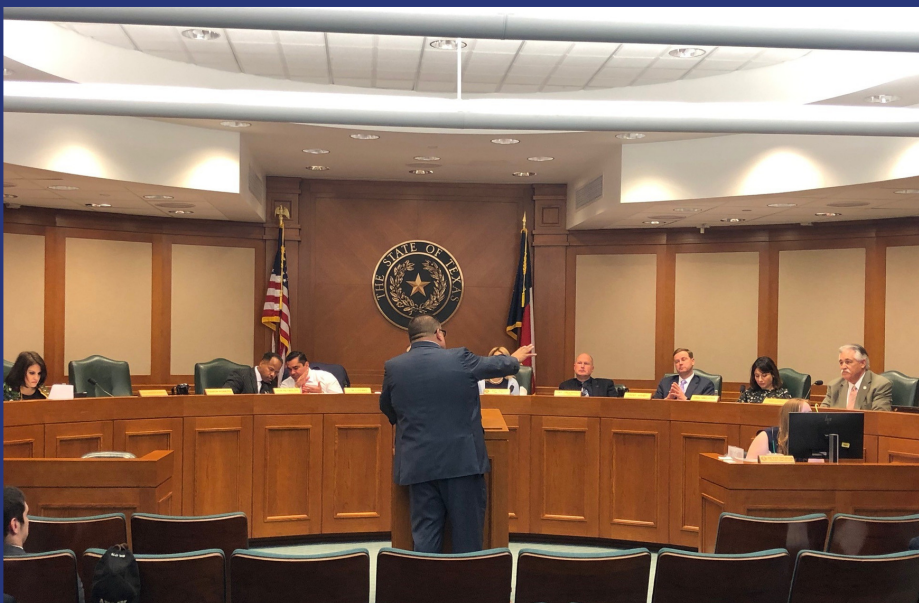


Members of the Texas House of Representatives receive their committee appointments from the Speaker of the House, Dennis Bonnen. I am honored to announce that I have been placed on two extremely impactful committees; Defense & Veterans' Affairs and Juvenile Justice & Family Issues.



I believe that my numerous years of experience on the Northside ISD Board will be an asset to the House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues. Here, I will serve as a strong voice for children and families facing a number of challenging issues such as; child custody, parental rights, foster care, and juvenile sentencing. I vow to utilize my appointment on this committee to move forward legislation that strengthens and empowers families who are grappling with systemic issues in our legal system. I will explore new ideas to keep our children out of the Justice System and that address root causes of juvenile criminality.

As a veteran of this great nation and the Representative serving Military City, USA, being appointed to the committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs is near and dear to my heart. I only hope to serve the committee as valiantly as those we represent, and I know that every vote that my colleagues and I cast in this committee will resonate back to our community.





**"My legislative agenda is a reflection of my constituency. My door is always open, and your input is vital to the legislative process." - State Representative Ray Lopez**

## Bills Authored by Rep. Lopez:

HB 3 - Relating to school finance and public education.

HB 342 - Relating to the period of continuous eligibility for the medical assistance program.

HB 620 - Relating to a women veterans suicide prevention public awareness campaign.

HB 680 - Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Workforce Commission and local workforce development boards regarding the provision of child care.

HB 714 - Relating to a reemployment program available to certain veterans placed on community supervision for a misdemeanor offense.

HB 1332 - Relating to the repeal of the authority of political subdivisions to adopt or enforce juvenile curfews.

HB 1480 - Relating to assessment of public school students, providing accelerated instruction, and eliminating requirements of certain assessment instruments.

HB 1904 - Relating to withdrawals of water from the Edwards Aquifer to supply a military installation.

HB 2111 - Relating to economic development, providing for an amendment to certain existing tax increment reinvestment zones to extend the duration of the zones.

HB 4242 - Relating to the administration of state Assessments.





Team Lopez was thrilled to attend the 23rd Annual Cesar E. Chavez March for Justice on March 30th. We joined hundreds of activists from around the San Antonio area to fight for equality, civil rights, and public education. I was privileged to lead the march beside Mayor Ron Nirenberg and Council Woman Sandoval. In commemoration of my efforts to rename Durango Boulevard to Cesar E. Chavez Street while serving on San Antonio City Council, I was privileged to have the opportunity to speak on equality and social justice at the intersection of Guadalupe St. and Cesar E. Chavez. Si Se Puede! Remember why we march! "Our city was built on the backs of hardworking people!" - Cesar Chavez/Willie Velasquez





The morning of April 6th was enlivened by a sense of community and advocacy. My team and I were incredibly grateful for the tremendous amount of support that accompanied my Community Swearing-In. It was an absolute honor to share my induction into the Texas House of Representatives with my constituents of House District 125, and it was a heartwarming privilege to have taken my Oath of Office at the Alicia Trevino Lopez One Stop Senior Center, named after my late mother.





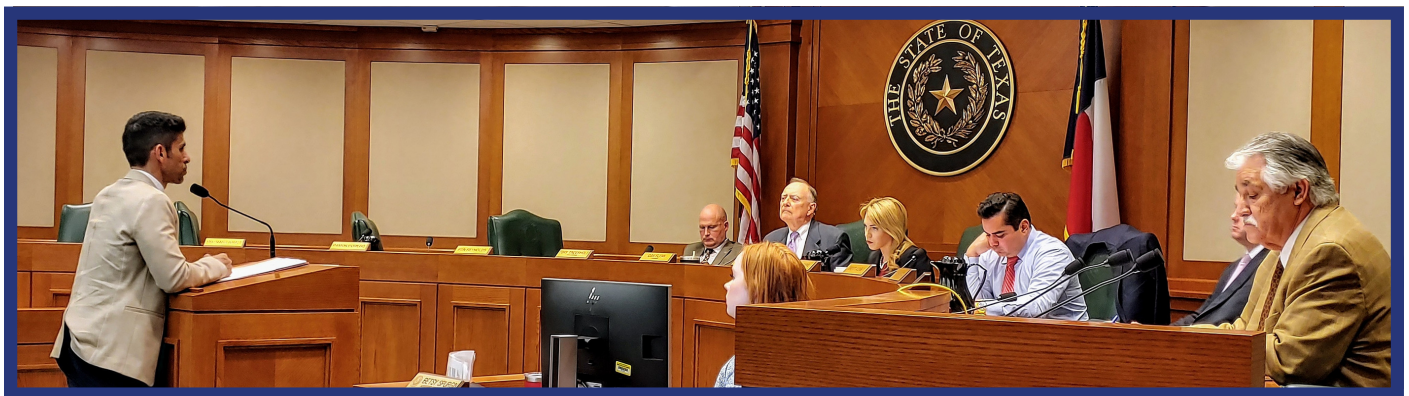
The issue of rising property taxes is being hotly debated throughout the State of Texas. If you are unhappy with the rise in your property taxes, I encourage you to go to the **Bexar County Appraisal District**, to call at **(210) 224-8511**, or go to **[www.bcad.org](http://www.bcad.org)** to get information on how to lower your appraised value and file a protest of your taxes. To prepare, I recommend photographing any issues in the condition of your house that may make you eligible for a settlement.

88% of tax payers who contact the County Appraisal District concerned about their appraised value leave with a settlement. The County Appraisal District also has bilingual videos on their website to help navigate the protest process if needed.

You can also contact Tax Reductionist Specialist for help. Residents have until **May 15th** to file a protest of your property taxes.

Easter Sunday was this past weekend! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday, as I did, attending church, cracking cascarones, and hunting for eggs with loved ones.

Finally, as Fiesta moves into full-swing, I wish everyone a safe and fun-filled Fiesta 2019!  
Viva Fiesta! Viva San Antonio! Viva House District 125!



Follow us on Facebook & Twitter:  
**@RayLopezforTx**

Contact us:  
(512) 463-0669  
**[District125.Lopez@house.texas.gov](mailto:District125.Lopez@house.texas.gov)**